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SUBJECT: ADB ANNUAL MEETING: VIETNAM ISSUE

REF: MANILA 4783

1. ON APRIL 8 KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED
THAT ADB SECRETARY RECEIVED TELEGRAM ADVISING BANK THAT
MAI HUU ICH, ASSISTANT GOVERNOR OF SOUTH VIETNAM CENTRAL
BANK AND ALTERNATE GOVERNOR TO ADB WILL ATTEND ADB ANNUAL
MEETING AS TEMPORARY GOVERNOR AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
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TEMPORARY ALTERNATE GOVERNOR AND ONE ADVISOR.

2. TELEGRAM ALSO INCLUDED REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO MEET ADB PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INDONESIAN VISA FOR DELEGATION. TELEGRAM ADVISED THAT FLIGHT NUMBER AND ETA WILL BE RELAYED SOON.

3. KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID HE HAS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ALTERNATE FROM KOREA IF REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) AGREES BECAUSE OF VOTING SHARES OF KOREA AND ROC COMPARED WITH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, HE WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD FORCE LAOS-SRI LANKA GROUP TO ACCEPT VIETNAM AT ANNUAL MEETING. KOREAN DIRECTOR THOUGHT THAT IF A DELAY BEYOND APRIL 25 WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF BANK THEN KOREAN DIRECTOR COULD POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAME ALTERNATE CANDIDATE PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN GROUP SINCE THERE WILL HAVE BEEN NO PRE-ANNUAL MEETING CONFERENCE OF THE KOREA-ROC-VIETNAM GROUP.
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